

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD
FOR KING COUNTY
RESOLUTION AND HEARING DECISION**

**IN RE: CITY OF ISSAQUAH
 Klahanie Area
 Proposed Annexation
 King County, Washington**

FILE NO. 2191

I. PUBLIC HEARING OVERVIEW

In March of 2005 the City of Issaquah submitted to the Washington State Boundary Review Board a Notice of Intention (File No. 2191) to annex a certain 1242 acre portion of territory, i.e., the planned community of Klahanie, together with several neighboring suburban residential communities: Glenwood, Summer Meadows, Summer Pond, Rainbow Lake Ranch, Brookshire Estates, Brookshire Crest, Brookshire East, Autumn Glen, Hunters' Ridge and Livingston.

The Klahanie Annexation Area is located on the northeastern edge of the City of Issaquah. The Annexation Area is generally bordered on the west by the City of Issaquah and the City of Sammamish (Issaquah-Pine Lake Road). The Annexation Area is bordered on the east and the south by King County (Issaquah-Fall City Road; SE 48th Street.) The City of Sammamish borders the site on the north (SE 32nd Way.)

Issaquah City Council adopted a Resolution (February 7, 2005) approving a plan to annex the Klahanie Area.

The City's proposal to annex the Klahanie Area is reported to be based upon an Annexation Study provided for the City of Issaquah. The Annexation Study considers a plan to provide governance and services to the Klahanie Area citizens that is equivalent to the governance and service systems provided to citizens of City of Issaquah. The Annexation Study particularly emphasized fiscal analyses (including an examination of benefits and costs) attendant upon governance and service for the Klahanie Area.

The Klahanie Area Annexation is also proposed under a framework established through an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Issaquah and King County. The Interlocal Agreement – which is slated for formal adoption in July 2005 – establishes a commitment by the County to provide the City of Issaquah funding in the amount of \$850,000 to facilitate transition of service responsibilities from the County to the City. Also, the County would provide Issaquah with \$1.1 million for roadway improvements (i.e., Issaquah-Fall City Road). In return, the City of Issaquah must make a commitment to complete annexation of the Klahanie Area by no later than June, 2006. By December of 2006, the City must also assume ownership of parks, surface water management facilities, ground water facilities, and other similar facilities.

With the Notice of Intention for the Klahanie Annexation, the City of Issaquah invoked the Board's jurisdiction pursuant to RCW 36.93.100. The City sought a public hearing for the stated purpose of providing an independent forum for citizens to obtain information and comment upon the proposed annexation.

Further, the City of Issaquah Resolution calls for an annexation election to permit the citizens of the Klahanie Area to ultimately decide whether or not to join the City of Issaquah.

A public hearing was conducted on June 01, 2005 before a quorum of the Boundary Review Board in order to consider the proposal by the City of Issaquah to incorporate the Klahanie Area (1242 acres).

The Board is responsible, under State of Washington law, to: (1) examine the record (e.g., application materials; technical studies; fiscal studies; regulatory analyses; other documents; exhibits; statements; and testimony); (2) determine the specific policies and guidelines are applicable to the proposed action; (3) review and balance these elements; and (4) take the action that best advances those elements.

As prescribed by the state law, the Board reviewed File No. 2191 in accord with RCW 36.93. (Local Governments – Boundaries – Review Boards). The Board directed particular attention to RCW 36.93.170 (Factors) and RCW 36.93.180 (Objectives). The Board also considered RCW 36.93.150, which establishes the authority for modification of annexation proposals. In accord with the law, the Board also considered RCW 36.70.A, the Growth Management Act, the King County Comprehensive Plan, the City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan, together with other applicable state, regional, and local regulations and guidelines.

On the basis of the testimony, evidence and exhibits presented at said hearing, and the matters on record in said **File No. 2191**, it is the decision of the Board to **approve** the action proposed in said **Notice of Intention**. The legal description of the Klahanie Area is attached hereto and marked as “Exhibit I”, together with a map showing the boundaries of the area herein marked as “Exhibit II.”

II. FINDINGS

RCW 36.93.170 FACTORS AFFECTING THIS PROPOSAL

The Boundary Review Board finds the following Factors (RCW 36.93.170) to be applicable to the City of Issaquah’s proposed Klahanie Area Annexation (1242 acres). Additional authorities applicable to the Klahanie Area include, but are not limited to: RCW 36.70A, RCW 35.13, King County Comprehensive Plan/Countywide Policies, the Issaquah Comprehensive Plan and its enabling regulations (e.g., zoning code). These State and local authorities are intended to ensure reasonable development regulations and adequate public services to local communities

A brief review of key issues related to each applicable element is presented below:

RCW 36.93.170 (1) POPULATION AND TERRITORY

The Board considered the following factors to be applicable: Population Density/Proximity to Other Populated Areas/Land Area/Land Uses; Comprehensive Land Use Plans; Topography, Natural Boundaries and Drainage Basins; Likelihood of Significant Growth in the Area During the Next Ten Years; and Population Density/Proximity to Other Populated Areas/Land Area/Land Uses. Following is a brief review of key issues related to these factors.

The entire Klahanie Area lies within the Urban Growth Area adopted by King County. The community is unified with respect to its specific physical elements (e.g., geographic features) and social elements. More specifically, the Klahanie Area is primarily developed with residential uses – including single-family and multi-family dwellings. There is limited vacant and redevelopable land within the Klahanie Area. There is some limited commercial property within Klahanie Area boundaries.

King County Comprehensive Plan/Countywide Planning Policies support the proposed annexation. Countywide Planning policies encourage cities to annex territory within their designated potential annexation area. Other policies establish cities as the appropriate units to govern, develop, and serve Urban Areas. For example, County Comprehensive Plan/Countywide Policies call for contiguous orderly growth of local jurisdictions (e.g., U-304, U-208, U-301, U-304.).

Policies also establish cities as the appropriate providers of local governance and urban services (e.g., FW-13, CO-1, CO-3; LU-31 - LU-34, LU-36). King County Policy LU-31 requires cities to designate potential annexation areas to include adjacent urban lands and to eliminate unincorporated islands between cities. Policy LU-32 calls upon cities to incorporate lands within annexation areas into city boundaries. Similarly, the Plan supports cities as basic governing units and service providers (e.g., FW-13, LU-31).

Further, King County Comprehensive Plan policies that call for King County to work with cities to jointly develop pre-annexation agreements to address transition of services from county to cities (U-207) and for the County shall implement policies for Potential Annexation Areas through interlocal agreements (RP-202). The proposed King County/City of Issaquah Interlocal Agreement for governance, service, and funding provisions for the Klahanie Area is consistent with these policies.

The Issaquah Comprehensive Plan “Annexation Element” addresses the annexation of the Klahanie Area. The Klahanie Area Annexation is consistent with City’s Comprehensive Plan policies addressing annexation and governance of urban areas (e.g., Annexation Policies and Land Use Policies), including those provisions relating to land development, service provision, and mutual social and economic benefits – e.g., L-5.2.1, L-5.3.2, L-5.4, and L-5.6.)

The Klahanie Area is considerably developed with residential uses – both single-family homes and multi-family dwelling units. However, there is remaining land that is suitable and permitted for redevelopment/new development with residential uses. The evidence demonstrates that the Klahanie Area will likely experience continuing urban growth over the next ten years.

The Issaquah Plan demonstrates that the City of Issaquah has planned for growth at urban levels of density in the Klahanie Area. City plans establish standards to guide ongoing uses in the Klahanie Area following annexation. Future residential development would reportedly be generally similar to and essentially compatible with existing housing density/design requirements. With annexation of the Klahanie Area, there would be an opportunity to immediately implement consistent and coordinated development standards throughout the community.

The Klahanie Area includes environmentally sensitive areas (e.g., open spaces, sloped terrain and vegetated lands). Upon annexation, the City of Issaquah plans to manage these lands under regulatory controls (e.g., open space preservation, storm water/flood control programs) designed to protect environmentally sensitive areas.

The State Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A) supports the Klahanie Area Annexation. For example, the proposed action would be consistent with RCW 36.70.20 which calls for community planning goals, for urban growth, services and infrastructure, and environmental preservation.

RCW 36.93.170 (2) MUNICIPAL SERVICES

RCW 36.93.170 (2) directs the Board to evaluate factors related to Municipal Services. The Board finds the following factors to be applicable: need for municipal services; effects of ordinances, governmental codes, regulations and resolutions on existing uses; present cost and adequacy of governmental services and controls in area; probable future need for such services; costs; effect on the finance, debt structure and contractual obligations; and prospects of government services from other sources, and rights of other affected governmental units. Following is a brief review of key issues related to these factors.

The evidence shows that the Klahanie Area community requires municipal services and facilities. Service policies are established by the State Growth Management Act and the King County Comprehensive Plan. For example, King County FW-13 states that cities are the appropriate provider of local urban services to Urban Areas. FW-29 and FW-30 address the need for jurisdictions to plan for and coordinate services. Additionally, annexation is appropriate under Countywide Policy CO-1, when a jurisdiction has “identified and planned for (a) full range of urban services”.

Pursuant to the State Growth Management Act, and the King County Plan, the City of Issaquah adopted policies – through the City’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Comprehensive Service Plans, and other regulatory authorities – for serving all properties within its corporate boundaries.

The evidence demonstrates that the City of Issaquah would be able to provide/sustain public services, infrastructure, and facilities to the Klahanie Area. Upon annexation, the City of Issaquah would include the Klahanie Area in the jurisdiction’s Service Area. With annexation to Issaquah, all services for the Klahanie Area reportedly will be efficiently coordinated under unified regulatory

authorities administered by a single local government unit. Services would be equal to – or improved from – the services currently provided by King County.

The evidence shows that the City of Issaquah has planned and can provide urban services to the area either directly or via agreements between the City and service providers. For example, Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District would continue to provide water and sewer services to the area. Eastside Fire and Rescue District will provide fire/emergency services to the Klahanie Annexation properties. The Issaquah Police Department will provide protection services. The City of Issaquah will provide roadway management. The King County Library and local/regional recreation facilities would be available to residents. The Issaquah School District would continue to administer school assignments.

The City has developed a basic plan to sustain levels of service at reasonable rates to all citizens. As is customary with residential area annexations, revenue realized from the Klahanie Area would be less than costs associated with governing the community. At the present time, there is limited data available from which to precisely determine carrying capacity based upon immediate and long-term revenue/expenditures (e.g., Real Estate Excise Taxes) for general funds and for capital improvements for provision of appropriate levels of specific services, infrastructure (e.g., roadways, pavement), and public facilities.

Evidence in the record supports a finding that existing and anticipated municipal funds, together with King County Initiative funds, will provide sufficient resources to assure service to the Klahanie Area in a manner that will address impacts on cost and adequacy of services, finances, debt structure, and rights of other governmental units. More specifically:

- King County Annexation Initiative funding and municipal resources will be provided to ensure sufficient funds to serve the area in a manner that will address impacts on cost and adequacy of services, finances, debt structure or rights of other governmental units.
- Further, upon annexation, Klahanie Area property owners will assume their share of the regular and special levy rate of the City for capital facilities and public services.

With that assumption, nonetheless, it is estimated that taxpayers would benefit from a reduction of property tax levy rate (i.e., net decrease of \$1.54 per \$1,000.00 assessed valuation). Residents would also cease to pay County taxes for services.

- The City has a demonstrated commitment to the provision of regional and local improvements. Similarly the citizens have expressed their commitment to – and confidence in – the City by providing funds for services and infrastructure by such actions as the approval of a \$3.5 million bond for roadways. The State of Washington has expressed similar confidence by allocating \$1.5 million to Issaquah for roadway construction/maintenance.

Evidence in the record demonstrates that the City of Issaquah supports the Klahanie Annexation so that the City may serve citizens of the area.

King County supports annexation of the Klahanie Area. This consolidated action provides for a more logical municipal government and service area. The City can provide more cohesive policies, standards, programs, cohesive operations, and efficient, economic control of services than would occur under the jurisdiction of King County.

RCW 36.93.170 (3) Effects of Proposal

RCW 36.93.170(3) directs the Board to evaluate issues related to effects of a proposed action. For File No. 2191, the Board considered the following factors to be applicable: mutual economic and social interests, and local government structure. Below is a brief review of key issues.

Evidence in the record demonstrates support for the annexation of the Klahanie Area to Issaquah based upon the fact that the territory proposed for incorporation is contiguous to the City. The socioeconomic profile of the Klahanie Area population is similar to the socioeconomic profile of the citizens of the City of Issaquah.

Evidence in the record (e.g., the Annexation Study) reports that the City is prepared to govern and to provide full services to the Klahanie Area. Affiliation with the City would promote a viable community because new citizens would be able to participate in local governance – including land use planning, service planning, fiscal planning and planning for public amenities to serve the community. Coordinated integration of citizens of the Klahanie Area into Issaquah would preserve social organization, support economic health, and protect public safety and welfare.

King County supports the Klahanie Area Annexation as the action that is in the best interests of all parties. State law, the King County Comprehensive Plan, and the City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan each encourage local governance of communities. Annexation of the Klahanie Area is consistent with the King County Executive's Annexation Initiative, which calls for incorporation of urban lands to local jurisdictions at the earliest feasible date. Immediate annexation of the Klahanie Area better promotes balanced governance.

CONSISTENCY WITH THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT

State law provides in RCW 36.93.157 that Boundary Review Board decisions must be consistent with three sections of the Growth Management Act:

- RCW 36.70A.020 Planning Goals
- RCW 36.70A.110 Urban Growth Areas
- RCW 36.70A.210 Countywide Planning Policies

With respect to File No. 2191, the key Growth Management issues involve the Countywide Planning Policies pertaining to land use and municipal services (RCW 36.70A.020 and RCW 36.70A.110). The Growth Management Act policies that guide the provision of public services and that are relevant to the proposed Annexation include:

- RCW 36.70A.020 (1) Urban Growth: Encourages development in urban areas where adequate public facilities and services exist or can be provided efficiently.
- RCW 36.70A.020 (2) Reduce Sprawl: Reduce inappropriate conversion of undeveloped land into sprawling low-density development.
- RCW 36.70A.020 (10) Environment: Protect and enhance the environment and quality of life.
- RCW 36.70A.020 (11) Citizen Participation and coordination in the planning process and ensure coordination between communities/jurisdictions to reconcile conflicts.
- RCW 36.70A.020 (12) Public Facilities and services: Ensures that adequate public services and facilities are available to serve land developments.
- RCW 36.70A.110 (1/6) calls for each county to designate an urban growth area.
- RCW 36.70A.110 (3) directs urban growth to areas with existing or available public services and facilities
- RCW 36.70A.110 (4) states that "(in) general, cities are the units of local government most appropriate to provide urban ...services."
- RCW 36.70A.210 (1) calls for cities to be primary providers of governmental services in urban growth areas.
- Incorporation of the Klahanie Area into the City of Issaquah would effectively address Growth Management Act criteria for incorporation of urban areas to achieve local governance and provision of services.

The Klahanie Area Annexation is consistent with RCW 36.70.20 provisions which call for community planning goals, for urban growth, services and infrastructure, and environmental preservation. For example, the proposed action would be consistent with RCW 36.70.20 which calls for community planning goals, for urban growth, services and infrastructure, and environmental preservation. Additionally, the application reportedly is consistent with RCW 36.70A.020 (1), encouraging development in urban areas where there are adequate public services.

The Klahanie Area Annexation also addresses RCW 36.70A.020 (12), which calls for public services to support permitted development. The City is prepared to provide the Klahanie Area with development review services and general administrative services to the annexation area under local, regional, and state standards. The City is also prepared to provide environmental review (including

evaluation and regulation of sensitive areas) so that the natural environment within and near to the Klahanie Area would also be preserved with the proposed annexation.

RCW 36.93.180 OBJECTIVES

The Boundary Review Board has considered RCW 36.93.180 (Objectives), as follows:

RCW 36.93.180 (1) PRESERVATION OF NATURAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES

The evidence shows that the Klahanie Area is a neighborhood – based upon the definition of neighborhood, under case law, as “either geographically distinct areas or socially... distinct groups of residents”. The Klahanie Area, in its entirety, exhibits many features that support its link with the City. This Area is linked to Issaquah by social fabric (e.g., similar land uses and open spaces) and by natural/built geographic features (e.g., plateau terrain). For example, both the Klahanie Area and the adjacent Issaquah community are residential in character. The Klahanie Area and the nearby City of Issaquah share similar demographic and economic characteristics. Residents of the City and the Klahanie Area use common community facilities – schools, roadways, libraries, shopping centers, parks, and recreation facilities.

Issaquah’s Comprehensive Plan anticipates annexation of the Klahanie Area. The City has already included the Klahanie Area in community planning programs in order to guide growth and to provide coordinated services. The Klahanie Area Annexation would be consistent with the objective of preserving the natural neighborhood because this action would provide stronger links within the greater community and would encourage a more effective connection to the City of Issaquah.

Issaquah officials have reported that the Klahanie Area Annexation would, provide all property owners/residents a voice and a vote in planning for the future preservation and development of their community. Community representatives demonstrate plans to effectively govern and serve this area as a part of a unified community.

King County supports the annexation of the entire Klahanie Area as this incorporation is consistent with state, regional, and local guidelines. King County has designated this area for urban development due to its location within the Urban Growth Area boundary. The County has indicated a preference for immediate annexation of urban areas to provide uniform governance for citizens of the Klahanie Area. The City of Issaquah has an established record as an entity capable of providing for zoning, development standards, and environmental protection appropriate to the area.

RCW 36.93.180 (2) Use of physical boundaries, including but not limited to bodies of water, highways, and land contours

The boundaries of the proposed Klahanie Area Annexation are based upon physical boundaries (e.g., co-terminus borders, rights-of way, and individual property lines) with the City of Issaquah. More specifically, the proposed Klahanie Area is located on the northeastern edge of the City of Issaquah. The Klahanie Area is generally bordered on the west by the City of Issaquah and the City of Sammamish (Issaquah-Pine Lake Road). The Annexation Area is bordered on the east and the south by King County (Issaquah-Fall City Road; SE 48th Street.) The City of Sammamish borders the site on the north (SE 32nd Way.)

The evidence demonstrates that, while the Klahanie Area physical boundaries appear to have a rather unusual configuration, the specific area has been established for annexation by Issaquah under both the City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan (adopted by the State of Washington in 1995) and the City of Sammamish Comprehensive Plan (adopted by the State of Washington in 1999.)

Further, “social neighborhoods” may also constitute boundaries as socially distinct communities. Evidence demonstrates that the City and the Klahanie Area share a social affiliation. The communities form a single social neighborhood.

Annexation of the Klahanie Area furthers progress toward incorporation of the greater unincorporated area in King County. This annexation would provide for an immediately unified community with established physical boundaries, a community identity, and coordinated service provision.

RCW 36.93.180 (3) Creation and preservation of logical service areas

The evidence demonstrates that the annexation of Klahanie Area into the City of Issaquah advances the objective with respect to the creation and preservation of logical service areas. The King County Comprehensive Plan and Issaquah's Comprehensive Plan establish the City as the provider of services for the entire Klahanie Area. More specifically, Issaquah has authority and responsibility to provide public services to all of its citizens under city plans and regulations including, but not limited to, the Comprehensive Sewer and Water Plans, Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan, and the Comprehensive Storm Water Management Plan.

The evidence demonstrates that annexation of the Klahanie Area to the City of Issaquah supports logical service areas. Upon annexation of the Klahanie Area, the City of Issaquah would design and implement coordinated service programs throughout the community. A coordinated service program would provide corresponding development standards, service areas, service systems, and environmental protection standards. Synchronized services and facilities (e.g., upgrades to rights-of-way; provision of storm water and surface water management systems) would protect the built environment and the natural environment.

King County strongly supports annexation of unincorporated urban areas, such as the Klahanie Area, as the County does not have sufficient resources to manage land uses or serve properties in these urban areas.

RCW 36.93.180 (4) Prevention of abnormally irregular boundaries

The evidence demonstrates that incorporation of the Klahanie Area would provide a reasonable and regular boundary consistent with the Issaquah Comprehensive Plan Annexation Element. The proposed Klahanie Area boundaries are not geometric in form; however, these boundaries do provide regularity based upon the fact that the Klahanie Area is located in Issaquah's Potential Annexation Area. Similarly, the Klahanie Area boundaries coincide with the established King County Urban Growth Area boundary and with the duly approved incorporated boundaries of the City of Sammamish.

The evidence demonstrates that Klahanie Area, as an unincorporated community, creates a more discontinuous than regular boundary. Such boundary does not promote effective governance. Annexation of the entire Klahanie Area is desirable to achieve the boundaries necessary to facilitate coordinated land uses and offer a more effective, efficient solution to provision of services.

RCW 36.93.180 (5) DISCOURAGEMENT OF MULTIPLE INCORPORATIONS

RCW 36.93.180 (5) is not applicable to File No. 2191.

RCW 36.93.180 (6) DISSOLUTION OF INACTIVE SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS

RCW 36.93.180 (6) is not applicable to File No. 2191.

RCW 36.93.180 (7) ADJUSTMENT OF IMPRACTICAL BOUNDARIES

The evidence demonstrates that incorporation of the Klahanie Area into the City of Issaquah would create more practical boundaries. Annexation of the Klahanie Area will place the natural environment and built environment under City jurisdiction, thus creating more practical boundaries for the effective local governance, directed planning activities (e.g., establishment of uniform land uses and development standards), preservation of the natural environment, and the provision of coordinated public facilities and services.

RCW 36.93.180 (8) INCORPORATION AS CITIES OR ANNEXATION TO CITIES OF UNINCORPORATED AREAS WHICH ARE URBAN IN CHARACTER

The evidence demonstrates that annexation of the Klahanie Area into the City of Issaquah is appropriate to achieve inclusion of this urban area within a municipal jurisdiction.

The entire Klahanie Area is located within the Urban Growth Area established by the King County Comprehensive Plan. This definition addresses both existing land characteristics and future

designation/use plans for the Klahanie Area. The County designation of the Klahanie Area as “urban” area is also supported by the State Growth Management Act.

The City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan includes the entire Klahanie Area in its Potential Annexation Area and designates the Klahanie Area as an urban area. Immediate annexation of the Klahanie Area into Issaquah would promote uniform governance, development, and services appropriate for this urban territory.

RCW 36.93.180 (9) PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL LANDS FOR LONG TERM PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL/RESOURCE USE

RCW 36.93.180 (9) is not applicable to File No. 2191 as the Klahanie Area does not include or concern any agricultural lands. This entire Klahanie Area is within the Urban Growth Area as established for King County.

III. BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD FINDINGS AND DECISIONS

The Boundary Review Board conducted review and deliberation of File No. 2191 based upon the record of written documents and oral testimony, in keeping with applicable state, regional and local regulations. The Board focused upon RCW 36.93 (Boundary Review Board Enabling Act); RCW 36.70A (Growth Management Act); King County Comprehensive Plan/Countywide Policies; City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plans, RCW 35.13 (Annexation of Cities); and other relevant regulations and guidelines. The role of the Boundary Review is to implement these existing laws; the Board does not have the authority to make law or policy.

The Boundary Review Board considered the following options:

- The Klahanie Area Annexation could be accepted as initially proposed by the City of Issaquah, if this action achieves the provisions of RCW 36.93 and other applicable regulations (e.g., State Growth Management Act, King County Comprehensive Plan, Issaquah Comprehensive Plan).
- The Klahanie Area Annexation could be modified if such boundary changes would most effectively advance the basic requirements of RCW 36.93 and other applicable regulations (e.g., the State Growth Management Act, King County Comprehensive Plan, Issaquah Comprehensive Plan). Such a modification can be accomplished pursuant to RCW 36.93.150, which establishes the standard by which the Board may revise annexation boundaries to cities.
- The Klahanie Area Annexation could be denied in its entirety if incorporation would be inconsistent with RCW 36.93 and other applicable regulations.

The Boundary Review determined that File No. 2191 provides a detailed and extensive record. Affected parties have provided considerable materials supporting their positions. The Board has deliberated upon the complete record in order to come to a decision for the proposed Klahanie Area Annexation. The Board finds that:

- Annexation of the Klahanie Area to the City of Issaquah achieves/advances the provisions of the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A); the King County Comprehensive Plan; and the City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan.

RCW 36.70A, the King County Comprehensive Plan, and the Issaquah Comprehensive Plan each call for logical, orderly growth of communities. These plans support annexation of the Klahanie Area in order to assure balanced, sound, cost-effective governance for community members. Annexation of the Klahanie Area would achieve that balance that the County seeks from incorporations

- Annexation of the Klahanie Area achieves/advances the provisions of RCW 36.93. For example, the Klahanie Area annexation addresses criteria established in RCW 36.93.170 with respect to population, territory, the natural environment, service needs and service capacity, and mutual social and economic needs, et al.

Additionally, Klahanie Area/Klahanie Area annexation proposals were evaluated according to the criteria established in RCW 36.93.180 as follows:

RCW 36.93	KLAHANIE AREA (1242 ACRES)
OBJECTIVE 1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES	ADVANCES CRITERION AS ANNEXATION INCLUDES ALL PROPERTIES IN A NATURAL COMMUNITY
OBJECTIVE 2 – USE OF PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES	ADVANCES CRITERION AS IT COINCIDES WITH ESTABLISHED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BOUNDARIES
OBJECTIVE 3 – CREATION AND PRESERVATION OF LOGICAL SERVICE AREAS	ADVANCES CRITERION AS ISSAQUAH CAN SERVE ENTIRE AREA TO PROTECT PUBLIC WELFARE.
OBJECTIVE 4 – PREVENTION OF ABNORMALLY IRREGULAR BOUNDARIES	ADVANCES CRITERION AS REGULAR BOUNDARIES SUPPORT A UNIFIED COMMUNITY AND STREAMLINE SERVICE PROVISION
OBJECTIVE 5 – DISCOURAGEMENT OF MULTIPLE INCORPORATIONS	DOES NOT APPLY
OBJECTIVE 6 – DISSOLUTION OF INACTIVE SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS	DOES NOT APPLY
OBJECTIVE 7 – ADJUSTMENT OF IMPRACTICAL BOUNDARIES	ADVANCES CRITERION AS PRACTICAL BOUNDARIES ARE CREATED TO SUPPORT A UNIFIED COMMUNITY AND STREAMLINE SERVICE PROVISION
OBJECTIVE 8 – INCORPORATION ...OR ANNEXATION TO CITIES OF UNINCORPORATED URBAN AREAS	ADVANCES CRITERION AS THE ENTIRE DESIGNATED URBAN AREA WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO A LOCAL JURISDICTION.
OBJECTIVE 9 – PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL LANDS ...	DOES NOT APPLY

IV. CONCLUSION

Approval of the Klahanie Area annexation to the City of Issaquah advances the standards established in the Growth Management Act, King County Comprehensive Plan, the City of Issaquah's Comprehensive Plan, RCW 36.93, and other state and local guidelines for incorporation of urban areas.

The Boundary Review Board approval of the City of Issaquah Notice of Intention to annex the Klahanie Area is timely based upon the City of Issaquah's current and historical commitment to guide development and provide municipal services to this area. Annexation will enable the City of Issaquah to provide a harmonious efficient plan for the governance of the built community, preserving the environment, and protection of public health and welfare.

(Note: Under state law, the City of Issaquah must adopt an Ordinance or Resolution affirming the Klahanie Area Annexation following action by the Boundary Review Board. Under state law, the City must confirm the action as approved by the Boundary Review Board. Alternatively, the Council may decide not to pursue the action. However, the City cannot modify the boundaries that have been approved by the Boundary Review Board.)

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD FOR KING COUNTY THAT, for the above reasons, the action proposed in the Notice of Intention contained in said **File No. 2191** be, and the same is, hereby **approved** as described in Exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

ADOPTED BY SAID WASHINGTON STATE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD FOR KING COUNTY by a vote of _____ in favor , _____ in opposition, and _____ abstentions, on this ____ day of July, 2005, and signed by me in authentication of its said adoption on said date.

WASHINGTON STATE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD FOR KING COUNTY

Judy Tessandore, Chair

FILED this _____ day of _____, 2005 **BY:**

Lenora Blauman, Executive Secretary

EXHIBITS

**EXHIBIT I CITY OF ISSAQUAH KLAHANIE AREA: LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF ANNEXATION AREA
BOUNDARIES**

EXHIBIT II CITY OF ISSAQUAH KLAHANIE AREA: MAP OF ANNEXATION AREA BOUNDARIES